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SUBJECT: NATIONAL REFERENDUM: PROTESTANTS SPEAK UP --- SOFTLY

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1. NCCP (NATIONAL COUNCIL OF CHURCHES IN THE PHILIPPINES), UMBRELLA ORGANIZATION FOR MAJORITY ESTIMATED 4 MILLION PLUS FILIPINO PROTESTANTS, HAS ISSUED VERY BRIEF AND MILD STATEMENT ON FEB 27 REFERENDUM. NCCP EXECUTIVE COUNCIL FEB 27 VOTED TO "ENJOIN OUR PEOPLE TO PARTICIPATE IN COMING REFERENDUM", AND ENCOURAGED FILIPINO PEOPLE "TO EXERCISE THEIR RIGHT OF SUFFRAGE PRAYERFULLY AND CONSCIENTIOUSLY AS A SACRED CIVIC DUTY."

2. COMMENT: PREVIOUS TO ACTION, NCCP CHARIMAN REV. GEORGE CASTRO HAD CORRECTLY PREDICTED TO LABATT ISSUANCE MODERATE STATEMENT WITH NO CALL FOR BOYCOTT. ALTHOUGH MANILA PROTESTANT GROUPS HAVE SPONSORED SUCH OUTSPOKEN
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ANTI-REFERENDUM FIGHRES AS SENATOR SALONGA AND SISTER

CHRISTINE TAN (SEE A-56), THEIR OFFICIAL POSITION ON
REFERENDUM HAS BEEN CONSIDERABLY MORE SUBDUED THAN THAT
OF CATHOLICS.

3. IT ALSO EMBASSY'S IMPRESSION AMERICAN MISSIONARY AND
EVANGELICAL ELEMENTS AMONG PROTESTANTS HERE ARE LESS-
INCLINED BECOME INVOLVED IN NON-RELIGIOUS MATTERS THAN
THEIR AMERICAN BROTHERS IN CATHOLIC RELIGIOUS ORDERS.
PROTESTANT CLERGYMENT HAVE PERHAPS ALSO TAKEN HEED RECENT
WARNINGS TO "FOREIGN PRIESTS" STOP INTERFERING IN
INTERNAL POLITICAL AFFAIRS (REFTEL). IN MOST RECENT
EXAMPLE SUCH WARNING, FEB 21 PRESS CARRIED STATEMENT BY
J.V. CRUZ (FORMER AMBASSADOR TO BONNL WHICH INCLUDED
REFERENCE TO "MEDDLING ALIENS" IN CATHOLIC CHURCH.
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